

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a tuner ~~(22)~~ operative to tune a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating a type of emergency event; and

a processor ~~(27)~~ operative to enable an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals, wherein the alert output is provided in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event.

2. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, further comprising an interface ~~(50)~~ operative to enable a user to turn the alert output on and off.

3. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 1, wherein the processor ~~(27)~~ is further operative to enable a plurality of alert outputs responsive to the emergency alert signals, and the plurality of alert outputs are provided in accordance with a plurality of user selectable alert modes corresponding to the type of emergency event.

4. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is a visual output.

5. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is an aural output.

6. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 3, further comprising an interface ~~(50)~~ operative to enable a user to turn at least one of the plurality of alert outputs on and off.

7. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 6, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs can not be completely turned off by a user.

8. (currently amended) A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning means ~~(22)~~ for tuning a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating a type of emergency event; and

processing means ~~(27)~~ for enabling an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals, wherein the alert output is provided in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event.

9. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 8, further comprising interface means ~~(50)~~ for enabling a user to turn the alert output on and off.

10. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 8, wherein the processing means ~~(27)~~ enables a plurality of alert outputs responsive to the emergency alert signals, and the plurality of alert outputs are provided in accordance with a plurality of user selectable alert modes corresponding to the type of emergency event.

11. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 10, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is a visual output.

12. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 10, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is an aural output.

13. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 10, further comprising interface means ~~(50)~~ for enabling a user to turn at least one of the plurality of alert outputs on and off.

14. (currently amended) The television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ of claim 13, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs can not be completely turned off by a user.

15. (currently amended) A method ~~(30)~~ for controlling a television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function, comprising:

tuning a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating a type of emergency event ~~(32)~~; and

providing an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals, wherein the alert output is provided in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event ~~(34)~~.

16. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 15, further comprised of enabling a user to turn the alert output on and off ~~(35)~~.

17. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 15, further comprised of providing a plurality of alert outputs responsive to the emergency alert signals, and the plurality of alert outputs are provided in accordance with a plurality of user selectable alert modes corresponding to the type of emergency event ~~(34)~~.

18. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 17, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is a visual output.

19. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 17, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs is an aural output.

20. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 17, further comprised of enabling a user to turn at least one of the plurality of alert outputs on and off ~~(35)~~.

21. (currently amended) The method ~~(30)~~ of claim 20, wherein at least one of the plurality of alert outputs can not be completely turned off by a user.

Amendments to the Abstract

Please **add** the following Abstract to this application.

-- A television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ having an emergency alert function provides an alert output in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event. According to an exemplary embodiment, the television signal receiver ~~(20)~~ includes a tuner ~~(22)~~ operative to tune a frequency including emergency alert signals indicating a type of emergency event. A processor ~~(27)~~ is operative to enable an alert output responsive to the emergency alert signals, wherein the alert output is provided in accordance with a user selectable alert mode corresponding to the type of emergency event.--